

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	09/551,760	PROCTOR, RICHARD J.
	Examiner	Art Unit
	Gregory B Sefcheck	2662

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1. This communication is responsive to the request for continued examination filed 9/17/2004.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 72-106, respectively renumbered 1-35.
3. The drawings filed on 30 January 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
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Attachment(s)

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date <u>7/31/2003</u> 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____. 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____.
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EXAMINER'S COMMENT/REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after allowance or after an Office action under *Ex Parte Quayle*, 25 USPQ 74, 453 O.G. 213 (Comm'r Pat. 1935). Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, prosecution in this application has been reopened pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 9/17/2004 has been entered.

Examiner's Note: The Allowance mailed 10/19/2004 was mailed before the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed 9/17/2004 was processed and forwarded to the Examiner. The allowance has been withdrawn so that the RCE could be considered.

During subsequent examination, relevant art has been newly found, which has been cited on the attached PTO-892 form. The newly found references do not qualify as prior art, therefore, claims 72-106 are allowed, as shown below.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 72-106 allowed.

- In regards to Claims 72, 82, 88, 98, and 106,

The prior art of record does not teach or fairly suggest a bus for communicating data in asynchronous transfer mode (ATM) form and data in adaptation layer type 2 (AAL2) form between a common device and higher layer devices, the bus including lines for carrying data and control signals, the data in AAL2 form including an AAL2 mini-cell associated with a means of identification of at least one of a source and a destination of the mini-cell and the devices including discrimination means for discriminating between the two forms of data traffic.

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- Subbiah (US 6801542B1) discloses a method and apparatus for providing an interworking unit between ATM networks and IP networks
- Wakizaka (US 6639916B1) discloses AAL receiving circuit and method of processing ATM cells
- Murakami et al. (US 6603767B1) discloses a cell exchanging device
- Dempo (US 6594267B1) discloses an AAL2 packet exchange device
- Brueckheimer et al. (US 6574224B1) discloses processing communication traffic

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gregory B Sefcheck whose telephone number is 571-272-3098. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8:00am-4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hassan Kizou can be reached on 571-272-3088. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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